

COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

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TOPIC Soviet Troops in Strausberg

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1. Toward the end of the period from 1 to 20 February 1952, an undetermined number of soldiers, apparently detached for a course of instruction, arrived at the barracks installation on the lake at Strausberg (N 53/V 15). However, the installation was not occupied to capacity by 20 February. Trucks [REDACTED] hauling coal to the barracks installation on 4 February. A course of instruction was being conducted in the artillery school on Wriezenerstrasse. On 16 February, [REDACTED] picked up 700 wooden mouldings, allegedly to be used for blacking out windows.

2. On 17 February, the barracks installation on Straus Lake was about 70 percent occupied by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. No vehicular traffic was noticed. One officer and about 65 unarmed soldiers were seen leaving the installation on 14 February. The buildings opposite the Landesjugendheim on Wriezenerstrasse were occupied to capacity by enlisted personnel, who probably were the cadre of the artillery training courses conducted in the Landesjugendheim. The officers' billets in the Landesjugendheim were occupied to capacity. *

* [REDACTED] Comment. The information confirms the NCO courses in the barracks installation on Straus Lake and the artillery officer courses in the Landesjugendheim. See [REDACTED]